



DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As the below named inventors We hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our name.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Method and Apparatus for Ensuring Multi-Threaded Transaction Ordering in a Strongly Ordered Computer Interconnect" the specification of which

is attached hereto
 was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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We hereby state that We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) or U.S. provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application or U.S. provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

			Priority Claimed	
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			Yes	No
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			Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And We hereby appoint R.P. LANGE, REG. 27,296; T.S. PARK, REG. 26,971; D. DROZENSKI, REG. 39,177; L. TURLEY, REG. 35,850; C.A.S. HAMRICK, REG. 22,586; R.O. GUILLOT, REG. 28,852; J. BOYCE, REG. 40,920; C. CHOU, REG. 41,672; A.B. DIEPENBROCK III, REG. 39,960; L. SHERRY, REG. 43,918; T. KHAN, REG. 46,273; L. GUERNSEY REG. 40,008; S. HOWELL, REG. 45,929; R. NADER, P47,260; F. DE VILLIERS, REG. 48,200; OPPENHEIMER WOLFF & DONNELLY LLP, P.O. Box 10356, Palo Alto, California 94303, (650) 320-4000, as our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application and to transact in connection therewith all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and before competent International Authorities.

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Wherefore We pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and We hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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